AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing device comprising:

a processing unit, executed by a processor, configured to process image data;

a judging unit, executed by the processor, configured to monitor an operating status of said processing unit to judge whether said operating status satisfies a predetermined compression process execution condition;

a compression unit, executed by the processor, configured to compress image data processed by said processing unit when said judging unit judges that operating status of said processing unit satisfies said compression process execution condition, wherein

~~said processing unit and said compression unit are executed by a single processor; and~~

said judging unit is configured to judge said compression process execution condition as being satisfied when said processor ~~does not execute~~ is not executing any of a plurality of predetermined processes or ~~executed~~ is executing a predetermined combination of one or more processes selected from said plurality of predetermined processes, said plurality of predetermined processes comprising spooling image data, rasterizing spooled image data, printing, compressing image data, and expanding image data.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) Image processing device described in claim 1 further comprising:

a memory unit configured to store image data compressed by said compression unit;

and an expansion unit configured to expand image data stored in said memory unit when reprocessing image data by means of said processing unit; wherein

said processing unit reprocesses the image data expanded by said expansion unit.

4. (Previously Presented) An image processing device described in claim 1 wherein said processing unit comprises:

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a spooling unit configured to spool image data;

a rasterizing unit configured to rasterize image data spooled by said spooling unit;

and an image forming unit configured to image-form the image data rasterized by said rasterizing unit.

5. (Previously Presented) An image processing device described in claim 1 wherein said processing unit comprises:

a spooling unit configured to spool image data;

a rasterizing unit configured to rasterize image data spooled by said spooling unit;

and a transmitting unit configured to transmit the image data rasterized by said rasterizing unit.

6. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:

processing image data using a processor;

monitoring an operating status of said processing step;

judging whether said operating status of said processing step satisfies a predetermined compression process execution condition; and

compressing image data processed by said processing step using the processor when said judging steps step judges that said operating status of said processing step satisfies said compression process execution condition, wherein said processing step and compressing step are performed by a single processor; and

said judging step judges said compression process execution condition as being satisfied when said processor does not execute is not executing any of a plurality of predetermined processes or executed is executing a predetermined combination of one or more processes selected from said plurality of predetermined processes, said plurality of predetermined processes comprising spooling image data, rasterizing spooled image data, printing, compressing image data, and expanding image data.

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7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented) Image processing method described in claim 6 further comprising:

storing image data compressed by said compression step; and

expanding image data stored in said storing step when reprocessing image data by said processing step; wherein

said processing step reprocesses image data expanded by said expansion step.

9. (Previously Presented) An image processing method described in claim 6 wherein said processing step comprises:

spooling image data;

rasterizing image data spooled by said spooling step; and

image-forming the image data rasterized by said rasterizing step.

10. (Previously Presented) An image processing method described in claim 6 wherein said processing step comprises:

spooling image data;

rasterizing image data spooled by said spooling step; and

transmitting the image data rasterized by said rasterizing step.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium including an image processing program for causing an image processing device to execute:

processing image data using a processor;

monitoring an operating status of said processing step;

judging whether said operating status of said processing step satisfies a predetermined compression process execution condition; and

compressing image data processed by said processing step using the processor when said judging steps step judges that said operating status of said processing step satisfies said compression

process execution condition, wherein ~~said processing step and compressing step are performed by a single processor; and~~

said judging step judges said compression process execution condition as being satisfied when said processor ~~does not execute~~ is not executing any of a plurality of predetermined processes or ~~executed~~ is executing a predetermined combination of one or more processes selected from said plurality of predetermined processes, said plurality of predetermined processes comprising spooling image data, rasterizing spooled image data, printing, compressing image data, and expanding image data.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium described in claim 11, wherein said image processing program further causes the image processing device to execute:

storing image data compressed by said compression step; and

expanding image data stored in said storing step when reprocessing image data by said processing step; wherein

said processing step reprocesses image data expanded by said expansion step.

14. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium described in claim 11 wherein said processing step comprises:

spooling image data;

rasterizing image data spooled by said spooling step; and

image-forming the image data rasterized by said rasterizing step.

15. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium described in claim 11 wherein said processing step comprises:

spooling image data;

rasterizing image data spooled by said spooling step; and

transmitting the image data rasterized by said rasterizing step.

16. (Cancelled).